

"A Five Cent Fare From the City to the Sea."

BUSINESS MEN OF CONEY ISLAND IN 5-CENT FARE FIGHT

Resent Statement of President Winters that They Are in Favor of B. R. T. Extortion—Unanimous for Cheap Rate from City to Sea.

ALL REGARD DOUBLE FARE AS IMPOSITION ON PUBLIC.

Declare that Legal Rate Would Attract More Residents and in End Prove a Benefit Even to Railroads—Will Give Every Aid to Evening World's Fight.

The best known and most influential business men of Coney Island have given the direct line to E. W. Winter, President of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Railroad Company, who recently declared they favored the extortionate fare of ten cents from the city to the sea.

In view of the unwarranted statement scores of merchants at the resort have joined in The Evening World's fight for a five-cent fare and are strong in their denunciations of the bold corporation hold-up.

When a reporter for this newspaper asked Mr. Winter the other day if the ten-cent tariff was not an outrage and an injustice to those who invested thousands at the island, which had to be made back during the few short months of summer, he made a long statement in which among other things he said:

"Public sentiment is not all in favor of a five-cent fare to Coney Island. On the contrary, the owners of many places of resort on Coney Island have recorded their opposition to a reduction of the railroad fares, holding that a cheaper fare will bring them a much less desirable class of patrons."

To ascertain the correctness of this statement The Evening World selected the names of 157 representative merchants and property owners of Coney Island and to each sent an impartial letter inquiring if it was true that the present tariff was to their liking. It appears the letters hardly reached those to whom they were addressed, when each suddenly became indignant and answered the assertion. These missives have been pouring into The Evening World office ever since, and in each instance not alone is Mr. Winter's statement denounced, but the hold-up is attacked in scathing terms.

Each writer immediately became a member of the League to Abolish the Five-Cent Fare in its fight against the extortion.

Several said that if it were not for the fact that a few of the lines charged only the legal fare of five cents on week days they would not earn sufficient money during the Coney Island season to pay their expenses. The Sunday railroad fares, of course, are always enormous, but their expenditures in a single day are not sufficient to give a profit on the week.

Following is a copy of the letter which The Evening World sent to business men:

"In its agitation for a five-cent fare from the city to the sea, The Evening World seeks to promote transit facilities to Coney Island for the greatest number. An official statement issued by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company says: 'The owners of many resorts on Coney Island have recorded their opposition to a reduction of the railroad fare.' Does this mean you?"

President Winter was not in the city today and could not answer those who denounced his attitude. Mr. A. N. Dutton, assistant general manager of the system, was seen, but he said it was a matter which the President alone could decide.

James A. Palumbo, of Surf avenue, writes: "I am in favor of a five-cent fare to Coney Island. I believe it is simply outrageous and I believe it is simply outrageous and I believe it is simply outrageous."

Rev. William D. Hughes, Pastor and Superintendent of the Non-Sectarian Coney Island Church and Rescue Association, writes: "For the good of the many I will support the five-cent fare to Coney Island. The present fare is a prohibitory one. With a five-cent fare thousands of families, including sick children, will receive benefits now denied them. Coney Island business men will welcome the reduced fare, which cannot militate against their interests."

James C. Rogers, Principal of Public School No. 10, sends a letter written the five-cent fare, signed by teachers from his own and other schools, and writes: "For months I have been doing what I could to secure five-cent fares for my teachers and those of other schools affected by the present double-

Five-Cent Fare League.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company assumes the right to charge 10 cents for the trip to Coney Island—the lungs of New York—the hold-up for the extra nickel being made at Kings Highway.

The company HAS NO ESTABLISHED RIGHT to collect this extra fare, and the courts HAVE NOT passed upon this question. Now is the time to protest against the extortion. Join the FIVE-CENT FARE LEAGUE. Sign your name to this blank and mail it to the Five-Cent Fare League, Room 40, Pulitzer Building, New York City.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

I desire to enroll myself as a member of the FIVE-CENT FARE LEAGUE to protest against the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company's and allied lines' illegal exaction of an extra five-cent fare to Coney Island.

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KNOW PAINTINGS TOO COSTLY FOR MORGAN TO BUY

Rutherford Stuyvesant Tells of Trip Abroad for Art Treasures.

On board the steamship Baltic, of the White Star line, which arrived today, was Rutherford Stuyvesant, a director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, who, with J. P. Morgan, had been in Europe for several months viewing art collections, among them some of the finest works of the great masters. Mr. Stuyvesant told an Evening World reporter that Mr. Morgan recently purchased the great Augustine collection of miniatures, which has been on exhibition at the Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris.

It is said that Mr. Morgan paid more than \$100,000 for this famous collection, but Mr. Stuyvesant would not confirm this rumor. He did say, however, that he understood Mr. Morgan paid a large amount of money for the paintings.

Mr. Stuyvesant said that he and Mr. Morgan went to Europe with the express intention of purchasing the magnificent Kann collection of paintings for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, but that the owner demanded \$50,000 francs, making it impossible to secure the collection for the Museum.

"I am quite sure that Mr. Morgan was not purchased any paintings for the Metropolitan Museum of Art," said Mr. Stuyvesant. "I viewed several art collections in London and Paris, but the only one that seemed available for the Museum was the Kann collection. Most of the works Mr. Morgan purchased were the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and some of them are really magnificent."

Another notable passenger on board was Charles Major, the novelist. Mr. Major is returning to this country after a long trip through Holland and Switzerland. Most of the time he spent motoring.

"The roads and boulevards of Holland are the best I have ever seen for motoring," said Mr. Major. "They are wide, straight, and well kept. We made a trip of several hundred miles through Holland and had a grand time all during the journey."

Mr. Major said that his play, "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall," was made into an immense hit at the New Theatre, London, and that the house was packed throughout the run. Mr. Major declared that reports to the contrary notwithstanding, Londoners were not as stupid as they are sometimes depicted.

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BROADWAY GARAGE BLOWS UP; MEN AND WOMEN FLEE

Shattered Windows Rained on Street Cars and People.

Two violent explosions that sent plate-glass windows flying in pieces upon men and women passing in street-cars and cabs occurred in the Packard Automobile Company's storage and show rooms at No. 150 Broadway this afternoon. Gasoline was the cause. So great was the shock that twenty workmen on the second floor and five young women were startled and ran over the roof. One of the men leaped to Broadway, dislocating his shoulder.

The Packard storerooms contain 200,000 worth of cars, it is said, and probably much gasoline. The men in charge were anxious to keep out the alarm and firemen who responded to the alarm sent in after the explosion.

"We can fight the fire ourselves," the greeting given firemen as an attempt was made to bar them out of the smoke-filled place. But the firemen paid no heed to this and investigated, finding a brick blaze in the basement, where workmen were plying extinguishers on it. With the help of the firemen it was confined to the cellar.

There was the greatest excitement in the neighborhood when the explosions occurred. The Packard place is in the heart of the "gasoline district," being in Long Acre Square, opposite the Hotel Astor. Two street cars and a number of automobiles and other vehicles were passing the long two-story building when the plate glass windows blew out with a roar. The shower of glass was sent almost across the square and several men and women were cut about the face and hands.

The workmen on the second floor ran to the roof. Richard La Faye, of No. 50 West Thirty-first street, jumped from a window and landed on his back. He was picked up unconscious and taken to Roosevelt Hospital, where he was found to be suffering from shock and a fracture of the shoulder.

After all the workmen had disappeared, the great crowd shouted at the sight of five young women, who came up through the scuttles and ran across to the next roof. They appeared to be less excited than the workmen. They were employees of a telephone switchboard in the rear of the second floor.

Great clouds of black smoke poured from the windows, which are level with the sidewalk and large enough to display a full-sized touring car. Through the broken windows and amid the smoke a dozen workmen and volunteers from the crowd dragged out five machines and parked them over in the middle of the square.

After the fire was out the police managed to find out how it had started. The cellar was flooded today and a plumber was sent to investigate it. He took a gasoline torch and was gone but a few minutes when the explosion occurred.

He came out, with his hair singed and blackened, and ran north on Broadway. The Packard management said they believed the leak that filled the cellar was from a sewer, and that floating gasoline had exploded from the sewer torch. The presence of gasoline in sewers has been the cause of the manhole explosions in the district, and the firemen and police think this a likely explanation.

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KILLED, 3 WURT IN COLLISION OF AUTO AND CAR

Herman Schnibbe Was Crushed to Death Under His Machine.

One man was killed and three others were badly injured in a collision between an automobile and a trolley car which occurred at Troy avenue and Pacific street, Brooklyn, early today. The dead man is Herman Schnibbe, a wealthy grocer, forty years old, of South Third and Berry streets. He sustained a fractured skull and died before an ambulance could be summoned.

The injured are: Herman Muller, twenty-seven years old, of No. 73 Wythe avenue; cut upon head, sprained back and internal injuries. Samuel Olsen, forty-one, of the same address; right leg broken, scalp wounds and probable internal injuries.

Charles Hutchins, fifty-one, of No. 52 Bedford avenue, left arm broken and wounds upon the scalp and face.

The accident followed a merry evening spent at the beaches. Schnibbe, the owner of the car, had invited his three friends on a motor trip to Coney Island and Manhattan Beach, and the party did not start for home until after midnight.

All of the men piled in the Williamsburg section, and Schnibbe, who was driving the car, was making fast time toward their homes.

Couldn't Hear Trolley Car.

Once into Brooklyn proper he swung his machine into Pacific street and started down that thoroughfare at a fast clip. When he reached Troy avenue the rumble of his own car prevented Schnibbe from hearing other sounds, and when nothing appeared in sight he started across the tracks. There is a sharp down grade at this point, and the trolley car, in charge of a Summer avenue trolley car, was bowling along at good speed on his way to the barns.

As he neared the Pacific street crossing the automobile flashed into view. Frank applied the brakes, but the car slid, and before he could bring it to a stop it had crashed into the automobile just in front of the tonneau. The automobile was hurled a dozen feet and rolled over and over. The trolley car was thrown from the tracks.

The force of the collision threw Frank backward through the front door of his car. He was not injured, and, picking himself up, ran to the assistance of the motorists. Two lay upon the ground unconscious. Hutchins, although stunned, was not senseless, but Schnibbe, who had been caught behind his steering wheel, was pinned under the auto.

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SAITOR SHOT BY POLICEMAN DIES IN NAVY-YARD

Victim One of a Party of Jackies Patrolman Says, Attacked Him.

Hugh T. McCarron, a sailor on the cruiser Pennsylvania, is dead, and Policeman Michael J. Flanagan is seriously under arrest in Brooklyn on a charge of homicide, as a result of a fight the officer had with several sailors on Sands street, near the Navy-Yard entrance, early today.

McCarron was hysterical and the policeman, who is attached to the Fulton street station, attempted to arrest him. Twelve of the sailor's mates rushed to his assistance and some one struck the policeman in the head with a stone. The officer drew his right stick, but it was taken away from him. He drew his pistol as he staggered under the blows being rained on him and fired. McCarron was in the path of the bullet and was wounded in the thigh. This seemed to frighten the sailors and, picking up their companion, they took him into the navy-yard. The reserves from the Fulton street station were called, but the commanding officer of the navy-yard refused to surrender McCarron, who died later from his wound.

McCarron was injured about the head and face, and Dr. Snyder, of the Cumberland Street Hospital, attended him.

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